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**ABC Enforcement Agents Are "CAMPing Out"
On Underage Drinking**

(Gluckstadt, MS) Mississippi Alcoholic Beverage Control agents kicked off Operation CAMP (Cops Against Minors in Possession) in March. The ABC division of the state Tax Commission received a \$50,000 grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Program in coordination with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety to combat underage drinking at special events around the state.

Mark Hicks, ABC chief of Enforcement, stated that the grant money will be used to help detect underage drinking violations by targeting concerts, parades, and festivals across the state. Vendors selling beer or alcoholic beverages at these events may be subject to compliance checks to ensure they are checking identification and not selling to minors.

Agents have already worked two events as part of the grant resulting in over 50 arrests for minor related alcohol violations. "Alcohol and minors don't mix. The ABC enforcement agents will be out there doing our part to make our state safer," said Hicks.